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A WARNING FROM THE LORD TO THE TEACHERS & PEOPLE OF PLIMOVTH.

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QUERIES TO

The Pariſh Teachers of this Nation, that have great ſums of money for teaching the people.

From them which are ſcornfully called QVAKERS, *but witneſs the Teaching of Chriſt.*

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The word of the Lord to the Teachers and people of Plymouth.

FEare the living God, and repent while you have time, & hearken to that in your conſcience, which cryes for equity: Is there not ſomething within you that cries for it? Obl liſten to it, that the bonds of iniquity may be broken, that equity (which is oppreſſed in you) may go free to ſerve the Lord; for behold, thus ſaith the Lord, I have ſent my Sons and Daughters from far, I have raiſed up Prophets amongſt you, I have placed my witneſs in you, which ſhall ſtand for ever with, or againſt you. But ſome of my Meſſengers you have impriſoned, and others you have evill entreated; what could I have done more for you than I have done, ſaith the Lord? But you have rejected all my counſell, and ſlighted the day of your Viſitation, and would none of my reproof, and would not that I ſhould Reign over you: Therefore behold, thus ſaith the Lord, I will proceed in judgement againſt you, and there ſhall be none to deliver you out of my hand, ſaith the Lord, for in as much as you have rejected my counſell, and kickt againſt my reproof, I will reject you, I will not hear your prayers, for they are anabomination to me; and the ſongs of your temple ſhall be turned into howling, your feaſting into faſting, your myrth into ſadneſs, for your Sabboths and appointed ſeaſons are a burden to me, I am weary with them, ſaith the Lord, and my ſoul ſhall be avenged

on ſuch a generation as this is, for the Poor is oppreſſed by the Rich, and the cry of the poor is entred into my ear, ſaith the Lord, therefore will I eaſe me of my enemies, ſaith the Lord, and avenge me of my adverſaries; for the great day of the Lord is coming, in which you muſt give an account for what is done in the body, whether it be good or evill, and he wil plead with you by ſword and by fire, and he will cut you down, O ye fruitleſs Trees! and burn you up root and branch, even you, which live in pride and earthly mindedneſs, and feed upon daintie Diſhes, *Dives*-like; Oh remember *Dives* end! and *Lazarus* who was in *Abrahams* boſome, for the ſins of *Sodome* abound amongſt you, idleneſs and fulneſs of bread; it ſhall be more tollerable for *Sodome* and *Gomorrah* in the day of Judgment than for you, for if the mightie works had been done amongſt them, they would have repented.

Behold, I have done a wondrous work amongſt you, and you ſee and cannot believe, but bleſſed are they that have not ſeen and yet have believed. You cry out for a ſign, but there ſhall be none given you, for you are a proud, ſtiff-necked, and haughtie people, but your loftie looks ſhall be brought down, and the Lord alone ſhall be exalted, the mouth of the Lord hath ſpoken it.

Howle ye Rich men, for the miſery which is coming upon you, for the ruſt of your Silver and Gold ſhall eat you thorow as a Canker, and ſhal riſe up in judgement againſt you.

Howle ye proud Prieſts, for the miſery that is coming upon you, for ye ſhall run to and fro, as drunken men, and none ſhall be to pitie you. Wo to you that have fed your ſelves with the fat, and cloathed your ſelves with the wool, and the people periſh for want of knowledge; ye run and I never ſent you, ſaith the Lord, therefore ye ſhall not profit the people at all: If ye had ſtood in my counſell, ye ſhould have turned many awaie from the evill of his doings, but becauſe ye have departed out of my counſel, I wil ſpread dung on your faces, yea I have caſt dung on your faces alreadie; and now the falſe Prophet rides on the beaſt, but they both ſhall be caſt into the Lake, which is prepared for the devill and his angells.

And wo to all you corrupt Magiſtrates, who are perſecuting the

the innocent & the juſt, witneſs your practiſe at Exeter Priſon; it had been better that a Mil-ſtone had been hung about your necks, and you caſt into the ſea, than to have offended one of thoſe little ones.

Therefore thus ſaith the Lord, I wil be avenged upon you my adverſaries; though the wicked go on hand in hand, they ſhal not go unpuniſhed. Wo to all you covetous Merchants and tradeſmen, of what ſort ſoever, who with faire words deceive the ſimple, contrarie to that in your conſcience, which ſhews you ſhould not lie, but ſpeak the truth one to another, for that is the true Light, and the witneſs of God, which teſtifies againſt ſin and evill, and is the condemnation of all ſuch as act contrarie to it.

Wo to all you covetous Lawyers, Drunkards, Swearers, Whoremongers, Adulterers, and all that telleth and maketh a lie, no ſuch ſhall inherit the kingdome of heaven. Wo to all you that ſpeak evil of things you know not.

Wo to all you that are ſeparated, but not by my ſpirit, and covered with a covering, but not with my ſpirit. Wo to all you proud and luſtfull ones, who feeds on dainty diſhes, and ſpends the creation upon their luſts. Cumber not the ground ye fruitleſs trees, for the Lord God of life and power is come to judge the world in righteouſneſs, and to ſweep the Land of evil-doers, that the earth may enjoy her Sabboths; and tetrible wil his coming be to the wicked, to all that are found to act contrarie to that in their conſcience; for all faces ſhall gather paleneſs before him, and all mouthes ſhall be ſtopt, and none ſhall plead ignorance, nor ſay they knew not that they ſhould not lie, ſwear, back-bite, or be proud, for ye know ye ſhould not do ſo by the Light: therefore all people be warned, and to the Light return, this is the waie to ſalvation, repent, while ye have time priſe it, ſlight not the daie of your viſitation, leaſt the Lord pluck ye awaie ſuddenlie, and you go down into the pit, and there be no remedie, and there be none to deliver you out of my hands. And this is the word of the Lord God to you all, chuſe whether you wil hear or forbear, I have cleared my conſcience to you, that in your conſciences ſhall witneſs for me eternallie, when the book of conſcience is opened,

ned, and ſhall condemn all you that are contrary to it.

From one who is a lover of your ſ uls, and ſhould rejoyce to hear that any of you is turned from the evill of his doings:

Margret Killin.

Yee Inhabitants of *Plymouth*, remember and conſider this, that the waie of the Ranſomed, the Redeemed ones, ye know not, whoſe feet are turned out of the path of the Juſt.

Barbara Patiſon.

Queries to the Pariſh-teachers of this Nation, who have great Sums of Money for teaching the people.

Que: 1. What is the ground and cauſe, and reaſon of your people to obſerve the time, called Eaſter, Whitſuntide, and Chriſtmas, as it is called by you and your people, which are your Flock?

2. What is the cauſe, and ground, and reaſon, that againſt ſuch times aforeſaid, they deck themſelves with new ſutes of Apparel, and have ſome certain Play-Daies, and much deſtroying of the creatures at thoſe times, upon the luſts of the people, which are your Flock?

3. What is the ground, and cauſe, and reaſon, that about the time called Chriſtmas, there is ſo much provided of the creatures, that which the people calls good Chear, which abundance is provided againſt that time, and waſted upon the luſt, and deſtroyed, and this is in moſt places through the Nation, amongſt the pariſh-Teachers, people, which are your Flock?

4. What is the ground, and cauſe, and reaſon, why people diſguiſe themſelves, and play at Gold-games, as they call them, and have Waſſel-Cups, as they call them, in the time called Chriſtmas, and ſo much great doings at houſes, called Gentlemens houſes, at that time; ſo we deſire you which calls your ſelves Miniſters and Orthodox men, to give the ground out

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of Scripture, for the things that your people practiſe, out of the Apoſtles practiſe, and where Chriſt or his Apoſtles commanded anie ſuch things: give us ſome example out of Scripture for ſuch things before mentioned, which your people practiſe, and whether this be a good example, to eat and drink and riſe to play? and whether it be not forbidden in the Scripture, yea or no? 1 *Cor.*10.7:

5: Whether ſuch as live wantonlie on the earth, ſporting themſelves in the daie-time, are not them that live in hipocriſie, ſpeaking high ſwelling words of vanity, and ſuch as kills the juſt, who lives in wantonneſs upon the earth? and whether ſuch as lives in pleaſures are not dead while they live, yea or nay? 2.*Tim* 5,6.

6. Whether ſuch as provide ſo much of the creatures againſt thoſe times, called, Eaſter, Whitſuntide, and Chriſtmas, be not ſuch as the God of the world hath blinded their eies, who minde earthlie things, whoſe God is their bellie, and in their ſhame they glorie, *Theſſ*:3.19:

7: Whether ſuch as live in thoſe things before mentioned, ſhal not periſh in their own corruptions? And you that profeſs your ſelves to be ſent of Chriſt to watch for the peoples ſouls, and your people lives in theſe things, whether their blood wil not be required at your hands, yea or nay? Ezek.7:18.

8: Whether all theſe obſervations of theſe times, Chriſtmas, Eaſter, and Whitſuntide, the fine apparel made againſt theſe times, the fine Diet, and paſt-times, and pleaſures in theſe things, whether all theſe be not pleaſing to the flesh, yea or nay? And whether thoſe that obſerve the daie and profeſs the name, be not they that crucifie the life, yea or nay? whenas the Apoſtle ſaid, *I am afraid of you, leaſt I have beſtowed upon you, labour in vain*, *Gal.*4.10,11.

And this is for all the naturall Teachers to anſwer, and to give grounds from the Scripture why they obſerve theſe things before mentioned, or where the Apoſtles did obſerve any of the Saints daies, either *Matthew Mark*, *Luke*, or *John*, *Peter*, *Iames*, or any other:

I am the light of the world, and lighteth every man that cometh into the world, ſaith Chriſt, that all men through him might

might believe; and this is the Light which shews you sin and evill, which if you love the light, you love Christ, if you hate the light, you hate Christ, whose deeds are evil, and you know your deeds to be evill; with the Light which comes from Christ, who saith, learn of me, I am the way, and the truth, and the life, & no man cometh to the Father but by me who owns the light that every man is enlightned withall, nor none believs in the truth but who believes in the Light, that lighteth every man that commeth into the world, that they might belive; & all they that profess the Scriptures, & profes a belief, & do not believe in the light, they are all as as the scribes & pharisees, who professed the scriptures, & a belief in God, & Christ that was to come & did not believ in the light: therefore to the light in every one of you I speak which come from Christ, who saith, learn of me, I am the way to the father; & here you wil find your teacher, which wil bring you of of all your teachers of the world, lying on your beds, and going up and down about your occasions, if you love it, if you hate it, here is your condemnation, the Light.

I am the Light of the world, and lighteth every man that cometh into the world, saith Christ; learn of me, I am the way to the Father, no man cometh to the Father but by me, who lighteth every one that cometh into the world, that all men through him might believe; and this is the Light that shews you sin and evill, that you should not lye nor swear, nor be drunk nor take Gods name in vain, and shews you evill thoughts, evill notions, & evill desires; this is the Light that comes from Christ, who saith, learn of me; this teacher you wil find as you are lying in your beds, and as you are going up and down, and when they say, lo here is Christ, & lo there is Christ, you need not go forth: it wil bring you to ceas from all the hirelings which Christ speaks of, and bring you to cease from all who have the chiefest places in the assemblies, and stand praying in the Synagogues, which Christ cryed wo against, *Mat.* 23. & to forsake all such as are seeking for the fleece, which the Lord sent *Ezekiel* to cry against, *Ezek.* 34. and to forsake all such prophets & priests as bear rule by their means, which the Lord sent *Ieremiah* to cry against, *Ier.* 5. and to forsake all such as seek for their gain from their quarter, which the Lord sent *Isaiah* to cry against *Isa.* 56. and to forsake all such as divine for money, & make a prey upon the people, which the Lord sent *Micah* to cry against, *Mic.* 3. these was in the light, which cried against the false teachers before mentioned; & those which be in the light now cannot hold them up, that hears Christ, & obeys the commands of God, who saith, this is my beloved son, hear him, & all the children of the Lord are taught of him, as you may read in *Isaiah*: the ministers of the world they say the letter is the light, the Scriptures is the word, the steeplehouse is the Church, sprinckling of infants the baptism, which is contrary to the Scriptures, which saith, *the Church is in God. Thess.* 1. 1. *God is the word; Christ is the light, Ioh.* 1. And the Saints witnessed the *one baptism, by one spirit, into one body*; and these are contrary to the scriptures, therefore who are taught of God denies their teachings & practise who through feigned words & covetousness makes merchandise of the people goes in the way of *Cain*, & after the error of *Balaam*, who preaches for gifts & rewards, as you may read in *Peter*, in *Iude*, and the last chap of the *Romans*.

From [illegible] are scornfully called Quakers, *but witness the teaching of Christ.*